20 intermediates in terms of CIF value of imports;

(c) whether it is a fact that duty rationalisation has been subserving the interests of the foreign suppliers; and

(d) what steps have been taken to enquire into the whole matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO). (a) to (d) The trend in prices as reflected in the Wholesale Price Index, shows that the increase in the prices of drugs and medicines has been less than that of all commodities. A large number of bull drugs and intermediates are imported of different values and quantities.

As stated in the answer to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1300 on the 3rd March, 1994, rationalisation of customs duty on bulk drugs/drug intermediates/ raw materials and formulations is an ongoing exercise and is done with a view to ensuring easy availability of quality drugs and formulations at reasonable prices in the market and encouraging the indigenous industry.

Rural Sanitation Programme in Andhra Pradesh

*459. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the proposals submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Government for Rural Sanitation Programme;

(b) how many of them have been clearcd for 1994-95; and

(c) what are the details of pronosals regarding rural sanitation being implemented in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh during 1993-94 had submitted the following proposals for consideration under Central Rural Sanitation Programme :—

(i) Taking up of development of three villages as model sanitation villages in Vuyyur Constituency in Krishna district.

(ii) Release of final instalment of funds out of the allocation of Rs. 157.48 lakhs under Central Rural Sanitation Programme for 1993-94.

(iii) Development of village Vogaram, as a model sanitation village in Kesharam Mandal, Ranga Reddy district.

(b) The proposals at (i) and (ii) above have been approved by the Central Government. As regards the proposal at (iii) above, the State Govt, has been requested to provide a copy of the detailed project report and item-wise details of the estimated cost of Rs. 13.25 lakhs.

(c) The main details of implementation of Rural Sanitation Programme in Andhra Pradesh are as under :—

— construction of individual household latrines

— village sanitary complexes for women

—• construction of other sanitation facilities like drains, lanes, soakage/garbage pits etc.

— setting up of Sanitary Marts

— development of model villages etc.

— health education, awareness generation, village contact drives, etc.

कच्छ में पर्यटक स्थल

*460. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात के कच्छ जिले में कुल कितने पर्यटक स्थल हैं;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार ने कच्छ जिले में स्थित पर्यटक स्थलों के विकास तथा वहां पर अन्य सुविधायें प्रदान करने के संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार के समक्ष कोई प्रस्ताव रखा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस पर क्या कार्यवाही की है; और

(घ) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान उस क्षेत्र में स्थित पर्यटक स्थलों के विकास के लिए सरकार ने कितनी धनराशि स्वीकृत की है और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग की किसी स्थान को पर्यटक स्थल घोषित करने की कोई स्कीम नहीं है । राज्य सरकार की जानकारी के अनुसार, मुख्य पर्यटक स्थल ये हैं :—

(1) नारायण सरोवर

(2) मांडवी

(3) भुज

(ख) से (घ) गुजरात राज्य सरकार ने वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान कच्छ जिला में भुज में पर्यटक परिसर का निर्माण करने के लिए एक प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया था जिसके लिए 13.08 लाख रुपए स्वीकृत किए गए थे ।

Commisioning of Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) at IGCAR Kalpakkam

4850. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the latest position about completion and commissioning of the Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam, which was initially planned to be commissioned by 1976;

(b) what was the estimated cost and time frame for completion of this project;

(c) what is the likely date of completion and the final cost of the project; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay and resultant cost escalations and the extent of loss caused due to delay in non-completion of the project within the specified period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) (a) The Sodium Cooled Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) which attained criticality in October 1985 is at present operating at a power level 10.2 MW(t), with a small carbide core of 24 fuel subassemblies. The Reactor will be operated at this power level for about a year. During this period a number of Physics and Engineering Experiments are planned. The turbo generator is being tested and commissioned. However, at this power level of 10.2 MW(t), the turbo generator Ciinnot be operated continuously since it may lead to wear of the turbine blades. Hence it is only planned to check the operation of the turbine. Thereafter, the full size core of 65 fuel subassemblies will be loaded to reach a nominal power of 40 MWt and an electrical output of 13 MWe.

(b) The original estimated/sanctioned cost of the project was Rs. 45.36 crores. The commissioning was targeted to be completed by 1976.

(c) All the construction activities of the project were completed by end March 1993. The total capital expenditure incurred was Rs. 76.93 crores.

(d) The main reasons for delays and resultant cost escalations are as follows :

(i) Delay in receipt of imported raw materials and forgings.

(ii) Transfer of fabrication jobs from one vendor to another for major reactor components such as Reactor vessel, Rotating plugs, etc.

(iii) Design modifications incorporated in FBTR including the addition of sodium heated steam generators and turbo generator.

(iv) It was originally planned to use a mixed Uranium-Plutonium Oxide fuel. Owing to difficulties anticipated in importing enriched Uranium, it was decided to us« mixed Plutonium-Uranium car*